4TH SENATE DISTRICT

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE





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Week of Feb.12-Feb.18, 2012



#### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

# HEALTHY WOMEN, HEALTHY LIVING!

Saturday, February 18th

11:00 a.m.-4 p.m. Destiny Youth Plaza 7220 N. 76th St.

Join Senator Taylor and Women of Faith-Milwaukee and make your health a priority!

#### Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.





#### President Obama Visits Milwaukee



I had the honor of attending President Obama's speech at Master Lock manufacturing in Milwaukee last Wednesday. The President was extraordinarily inspiring in his appeal to American businesses to "insource" jobs back to the United States. Master Lock has recently accepted the President's challenge by bringing 100 jobs back from China. I for

one applaud Master Lock and their good faith towards the people of Milwaukee. We need more large employers willing to believe in the productive power of the people in our great city. I left the speech believing more than ever in rewarding and supporting those business willing to employ our citizens.

### Bill to Increase Wrongful Conviction Compensation

Robert Stinson, who was exonerated after spending 23 years in prison for a crime he did not commit, is legally entitled to compensation. The limit on such compensation is \$25,000. The state Claims Board awarded Mr. Stinson \$90,000 for the years he spent in prison. There are few things as devastating to society than governments that allow the wrongful conviction of an innocent person. I am glad that the Claims Board has awarded Mr. Stinson additional compensation, and I believe the Legislature will support their decision.

### Family Care Cap Lifted in Bipartisan Vote



On Tuesday, the Senate *unanimously* voted to lift the 43,000 person cap on the Family Care program. This cap has created a 6,000 person waiting list of sick, elderly, and disabled persons needing medical assistance to stay out of nursing homes. Though the cap was passed in Governor Walker's budget, Walker and the Senate Republicans changed their stances after outrage from citizens. I am pleased with the Republicans' decision to help us protect our state's most vulnerable citizens.



## FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Jan.17th-April 17th

If your household earned less than \$56,000 last year, you are eligible for free efiling of your federal and Wisconsin tax returns!

Over 22 locations to serve YOU!

For more information, call (414) 963-2694 or go to www.cr-sdc.org!

### Reach Down & Rise Up Scholarship

I would like to bring to your attention a fantastic scholarship opportunity for ambitious Milwaukeean students working towards higher education. This high school senior would receive \$2,000 award towards attending 2 or 4 year college as a full-time student. For more information, visit reachdownandriseup.org.

### 7th Annual African American Film Festival

On February 20th, UWM will feature, "Louder Than A Bomb." The showing will begin at 7pm in the Union Theatre. This film chronicles the stories of four teams as they prepare to compete in a 2008 poetry slam and explore the ways writing shapes their world, and vice versa. For more details, call (414) 229-6998.

### City-Wide Effort to Protect the Vote



Congregations of all faiths are asked to participate in ID Card Check Sunday to help ensure that all Milwaukee citizens have the identification they will need to receive a ballot. This Sunday, and each one thereafter, congregational leaders are asked to record the names of those who do not have photo IDs. Participating congregations are asked to submit information for those who do not have an ID to Anita Johnson at

anita.johnson@citizenactionwi.org or (414) 899-3389 or Mandela Barnes at Mandela@micahempowers.org or (414) 949-5878.

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A vote is like a rifle; its usefulness depends upon the character of the user.

Theodore Roosevelt



A right delayed is a right denied.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.